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SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1944

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SUMMERFIELD SCHOOL

Dedication

FRANCIS D. McHUGH

To Francis D. McHugh, teacher of Latin and Mathematics, as a sincere token of admiration for his scholarship and with gratitude for his friendship, this volume is affectionately dedicated by the Class of '44.

AUSTIN J. O'TOOLE

Principal of Somerset High School

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man!' "

RUTH B. MASON

Vice-Principal of Somerset High School

Advisor to the Class of 1944

"No one knows like a woman how to say things which are at once gentle and deep."

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To our teachers, one and all, we leave our deep esteem for the wisdom, uniform justice and kindness they have manifested towards us. Always willing and helpful, we have found their aid and advice invaluable; words cannot express the gratitude of the Class of '44.

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A Prologue

At last the dress rehearsal is over, the cast is assembled, the stage is set; and we, the class of '44, stand ready to make our bow. To the teachers, whose aid and advice we have found invaluable, is due whatever applause you may accord us; and if by chance we play our parts amiss, the fault lies with us alone.

Memoirs VII may serve as your program, for it contains the cast of characters as well as a summary of athletics and a report on our various activities and organizations. We feel that our history illustrates the progressiveness and originality of the Senior Class. We hope you find our prophecy a source of interest and entertainment.

The class of '44 takes great pride in presenting those members of our class who left us to join the armed forces of the United States. The whole world realizes that theirs is the most difficult and important role of all.

Thus, we leave this book for others to peruse, hoping it will afford the individual pleasant memories, and that the classes to follow will take note of our mistakes and profit by them, and follow the good example we have endeavored to set.

And now the orchestra swings into the opening chorus, the curtain slowly rises—

Let the play begin!

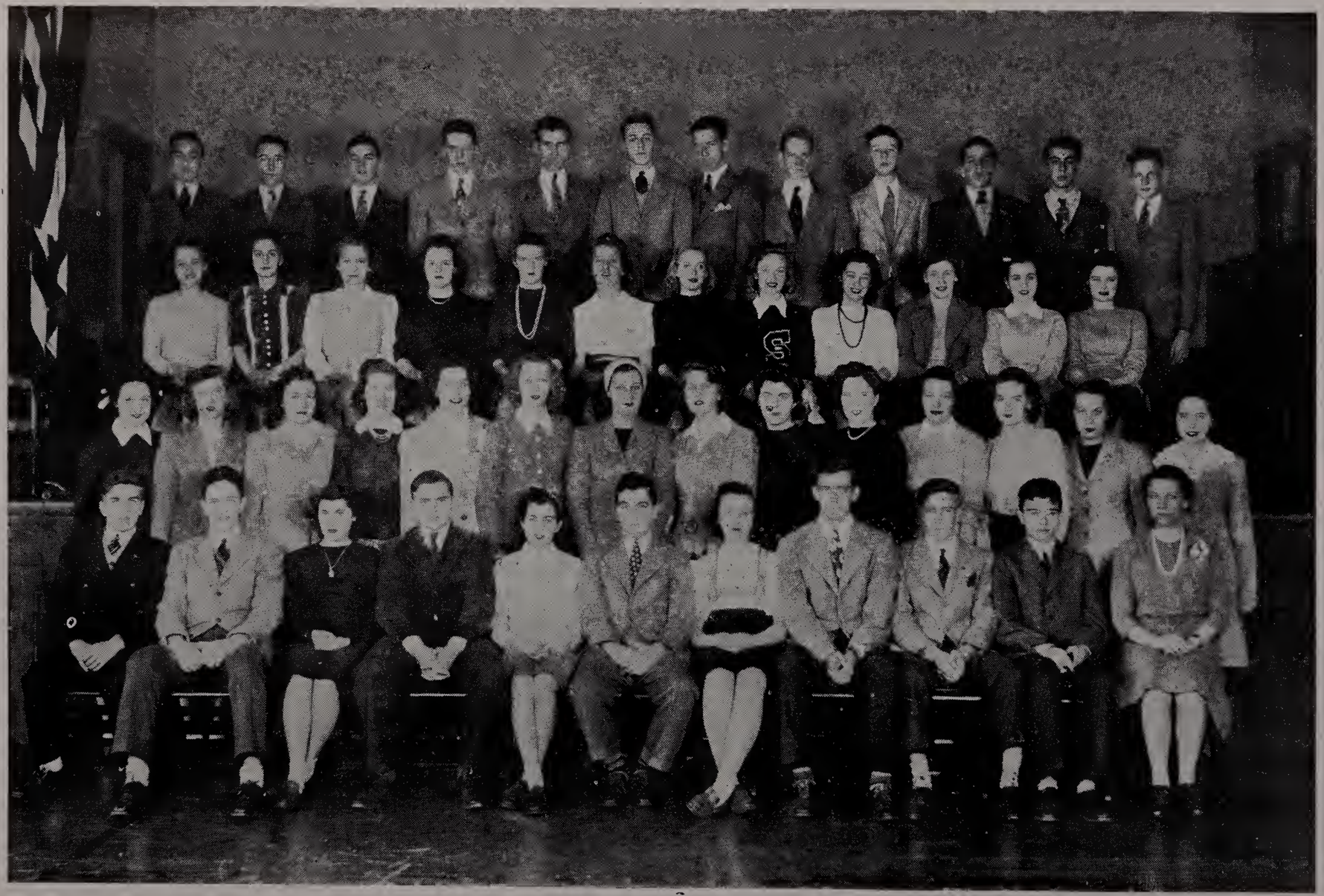
The Class

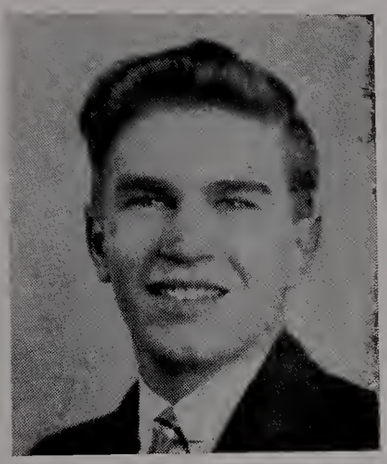
"Should auld acquaintance be forgot

And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot

And days o' old lang syne?"





Manuel Ralph Amaral

"Mannie"

"It is good to begin well, but better to end well."

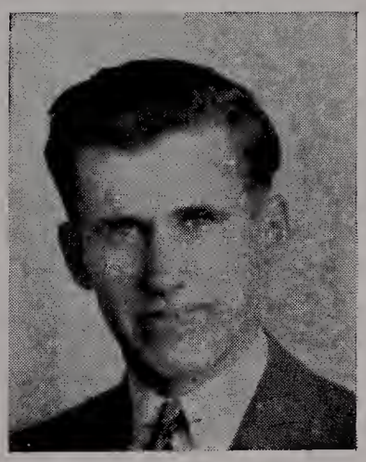
When Mannie came to us from St. Michael's School, Fall River, he brought his cheerful personality and happy-go-lucky manner with him. All through high school, his classmates have gloried in his charming disposition. Mannie was an active member of the Boys' Glee Club for three years. He has successfully completed the Commercial Course, and though the field of accountancy appeals to him, he will look to the Naval Air Corps for his immediate future. We feel that success for Mannie will be spelled with a capital "S".

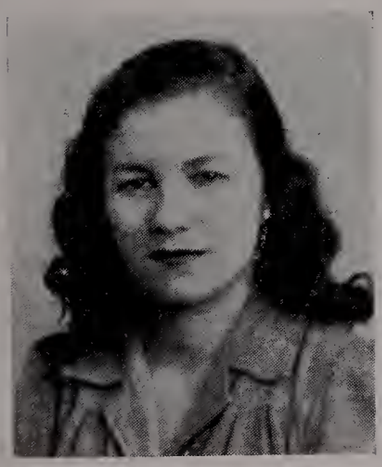
William Benson Armstrong

"Bill"

"He was more than common tall."

We first became aware of Bill's existence when he entered Somerset High as a Freshman. Since then, he has made himself popular with the Senior class because of his unfailing good humor and friendly disposition. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Bill's name is usually found on a committee which requires cooperation and hard work. His main topic of conversation is enlistment in the United States Navy. This is indeed the Navy's gain and Somerset High's loss. So long, Bill, and may good luck and happiness be your life-long friends.



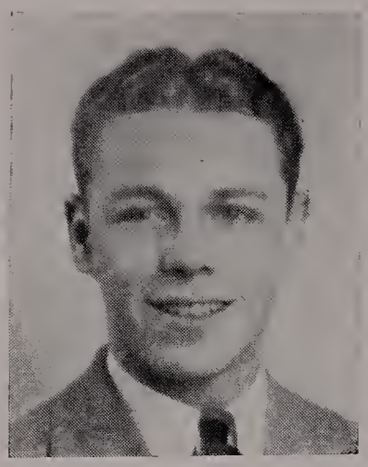


Doris Irene Baker

"Dot"

"The hand that follows intellect can achieve."

Her scholastic ability has tabbed Dot "the brain" of our class, for her name rarely fails to appear on the Honor Roll. Dot's quiet humor and determined ability have made her a vital part of our class. Having elected the College Course, Latin and French present no problem for our Dot. An ardent supporter of the Science Club, she has played a prominent role in the development of this organization. Dot is very gifted in the use of her own language and wishes to further develop this talent. Somerset is truly proud as she gives to the world this brilliant scholar and fascinating conversationalist.



William Henry Barrar

"Bill"

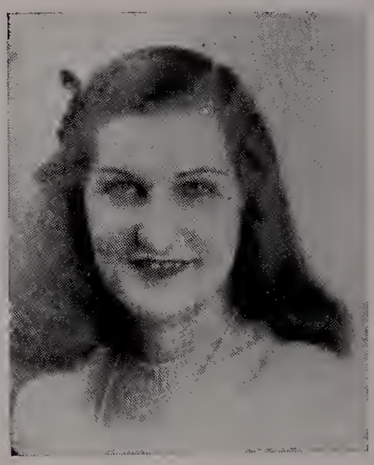
"Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep."

Bill, the tall friendly boy of our class, came to us from Fitchburg, Mass. in his senior year. He is the possessor of a jovial and pleasing personality which has made him very popular with all the students at Somerset High. Bill's interests center around the school's extra-curricular activities. He was always present at the basketball games, a loyal supporter of his school team. Dancing is Bill's favorite pastime and (as any Senior girl will attest) Fitchburg lost a smooth dancer when he left to take up residence in Somerset. Although his plans for the future are indefinite, Bill does aspire for an M. D. in the future. We know success is just around the corner. More power to you, Bill!

Ethel Allinson Bell

"Et" "Ding"

"To the willing mind, nothing is impossible."



Ding Bell is one of the most outstanding members of our class. An incomparable sense of humor, an entertaining gayety and a capacity for true friendship have endeared her to '44. A member of the Dramatic Club and an active participant in the Girls' Glee Club, Ethel has played a prominent part in extra-curricular activities. Et is now classified in the category of experienced travelers, for last summer she aroused a tinge of envy in all of us by nonchalantly "up and leaving" for sunny California. She has followed the college course for four years, and has proven her ability in the field of journalism by being appointed Associate Editor of the yearbook. Interested in English and languages, Et intends to further her education at a higher institution of learning. The benign good will of friends and classmates are with you, Et.

Frank Benevides

"Men of few words are the best men."

Although Frank does little talking his cheerfulness and ready smile are unsurpassed. As a member of the Clerical Course, he is well liked by both teachers and classmates. His ambition lies in the field of chemistry, and Frank is taking an extension course in this subject at the Bradford Durfee Textile School. Chemistry was a well chosen field, Frank, for we feel that your willingness and perseverance will send you on to great heights in this direction.

Barbara Anne Bennett

"Babs"

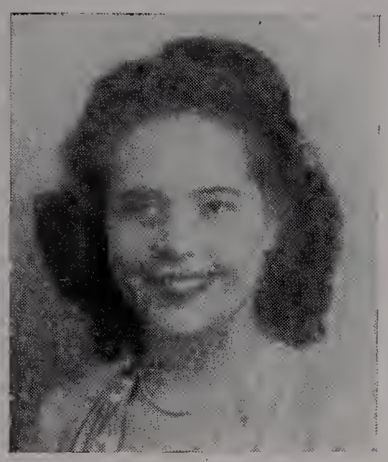
"A fair exterior is a silent recommendation."

Babs, one of the liveliest members of our class, hailed from Case High School in her Senior year, and since then has established herself as one of our most popular girls. She has taken part in Somerset High's Science Club, proving herself a most successful member of this organization. Voted by her fellow classmates as our most interesting girl, Babs is always on hand with an original idea or amusing story. Barbara has for four years followed the college course, with a career in nursing her goal. With all she has to offer, success is a certainty. The best of everything to you, Babs, may you reach the top of the ladder of success.

Annette Cecile Blanchette

"Anne"

"High erected thoughts sealed in a heart of courtesy."

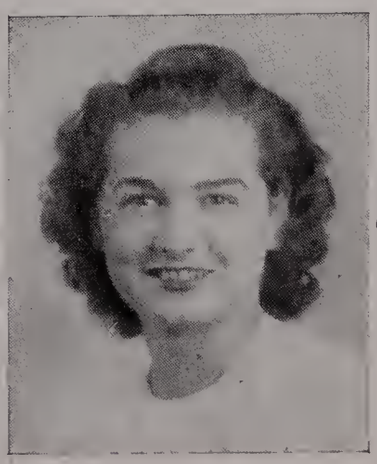


Anne, the quiet, charming young lady of our class is admired by friends and faculty for her dignity and reserve. Anne, an industrious student, has won esteem due to the neatness and the thoroughness of her work. Always striving to help another, one may often find her helping a French student struggle through a difficult assignment. Her ability and determination have brought her through four successful years in the Commercial Course, and established her as an important co-worker on the staff of Memoirs VII. The world is waiting for such radiant souls; keep all your charm and ability, Annette, and the class need have no doubt of your instant success!

Dorothy Louise Boulay

"Dot"

"Virtue is her own reward."



Dorothy, without any noticeable effort on her part, has won many friends during her four years at Somerset High. Dot has been active in extra-curricular activities, being elected a member of the Student Council during her freshman and junior years. Musically inclined, she has been a member of the Girls' Glee Club throughout her high school career. Dot, a most promising commercial student, has future hopes in the business world. With the vast opportunities awaiting and her proven abilities to aid her, we know she will be a most efficient and charming secretary. Onward and upward, Dot!

Ella Mary Buckley

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

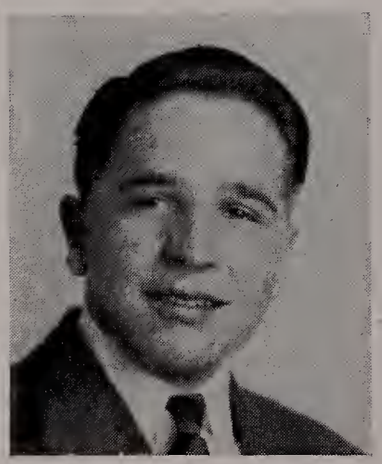
Among the number of cheerful students who have inhabited Somerset High for four years is Ella. Always ready to smile, her quick wit has won her many fast friends. Her favorite hobbies are knitting and crocheting, at which she is very adept. Ella was very active in the Commercial Department, and we have every reason to believe she will make good in the business world. We predict that she will go through life as she has gone through Somerset, easily winning success and quietly making friends.

Russell Norman Burdick

"Russ"

"Quiet, steady, yet always ready."

We need no word of introduction in presenting Russ to you, for his school spirit is known by all. No matter what the activity may be, Russ is always within focus of the spotlight. Russ played a prominent part in extra-curricular activities and was a star player on the S. H. S. basketball team. An officer of the S. A. A., he successfully carried out the duties of treasurer of this organization. Although his future is uncertain, Russ plans to join some branch of the armed forces. With his congeniality and beaming good nature, how could anything but the best of good fortune befall him?



Frank Carvalho

"Flut"

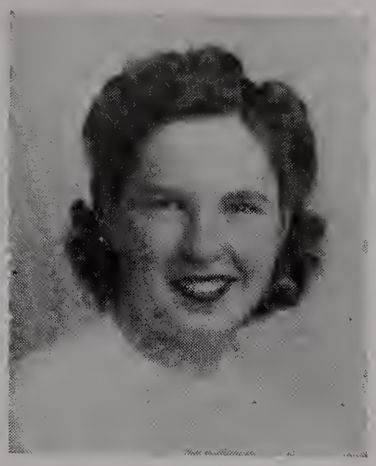
"He's a valiant soldier."

Frank, fun-loving and likeable, came to us four years ago from the Pottersville Grammar School. Although he did not actually participate in sports, he has cheered the team on to many victories. Frank has willingly played the part of "class electrician" whenever the lights were being assembled for the current dance. He left us in February to join the Army Air Corps, where his knowledge of engines of all types will prove to be a valuable asset. The Class of '44 is proud of you, Frank—we know you will come through with flying colors.

Constance Ellen Chace

"Connie"

"A merry heart through all the day."



We have among us slackers and workers—needless to say, Connie is one of the workers. Her diligent and efficient work in the school office has not gone unnoticed, for Connie was deemed as the girl who had done the most for Somerset High. Her name is prominent in extra-curricular activities, and Connie, a Library Associate for four years, was elected vice-chairman of this organization in her Senior year. She has been a most successful student of the Commercial Course. Connie wishes to become a homemaker—we have no fears as to her success and happiness in the future. The class will always remember you as "the cheerful girl in the office," Connie!

Ruth Anne Clarkson

"Ruthie"

"Charm strikes the sight,
but merit wins the soul."

Ruthie's most noticeable attribute is her beaming good nature. She is always smiling, friendly and eager to please. Ruth is blessed, too, with a sense of humor that will carry her far in life. Out-of-door sports are Ruth's true hobby, and above all, skating is her chief joy. Since she came to us from Pottersville Grammar School, she has successfully followed the Commercial Course. After graduation, Ruth intends to further her education at a business school. You have our best wishes for future success, Ruthie.

Doris Louise Copley

"Dot" "Cope"

"I'm sure care are enemies of life."

Dot's genial disposition and candid manner have acquired for her a host of life-long friends. Although she has not participated in many extra-curricular activities, she is an outdoor girl at heart. A crisp winter's day will find Dot and her bosom friend, Ruthie, gliding gracefully over the ice. Allen's Business School will profit when Dot enrolls there next September to further prepare for her secretarial career. Dot's determination and will to work will help her to accomplish interesting things.

Eleanor Elizabeth DeMello

"El"

" 'Tis well to be merry and wise."

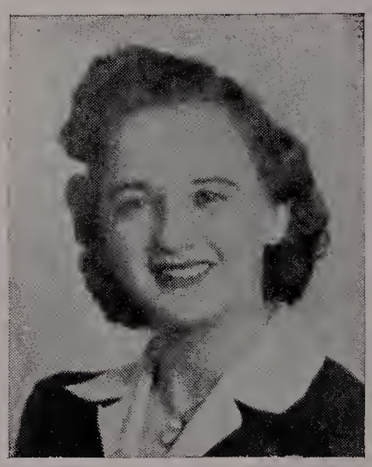
El's laughter and merriment are familiar to everyone at Somerset High School. She passed through her school days without a care, and with a smile for everyone. Her happy disposition accounts for her many friends. El gets enjoyment out of whatever she does, be it dancing, bowling, roller skating, or bicycle riding. She has studied commercial subjects since her freshman year, and has developed a great interest in drawing and designing. Eleanor hopes to become a bookkeeper or secretary in the future. Don't lose that beaming smile El, and we know you will succeed.

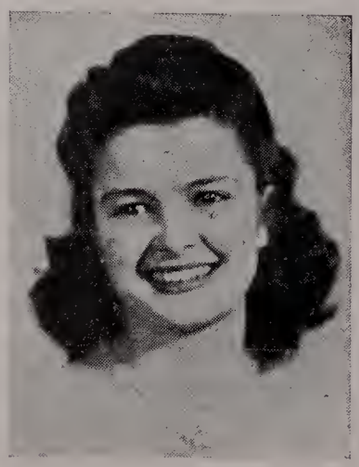
Priscilla Lucille Demers

"Pat"

"A good true friend."

Those who know Pat find her to be a true friend, ready to help in any difficulty. Her interests are many and having heard of her ability at skating, we are not at all surprised when she declared it to be her favorite pastime. Pat is a cashier at our cafeteria and her friendly smile and pleasing manner are familiar to teachers and classmates. She chose the Commercial Course from our curriculum and was one of the outstanding members of this department. She is planning to become a telephone operator. May only the good things of life be yours, Pat.





Dorothy Frances Doucette

"Dot"

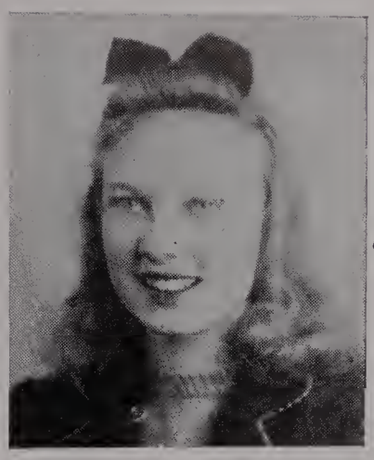
"It was you cast over me the spell of music."

Dot Doucette, with her violin in hand, entered our portals four years ago. A charming brunette, Dot soon became known and liked by all. She played in the orchestra and sang in the Glee Club for four years. A Library Associate for three years, Dot was elected Secretary in her senior year. She was a member of the Round Table for two years and was chosen to serve as President. Dot has very successfully followed the Commercial Course and will probably become the private secretary of a prominent business man. As cheerfulness, courtesy and tact are the lubricators of business, we feel sure that Dot will be successful. For Dot, fortunate girl, possesses all these praiseworthy qualities.

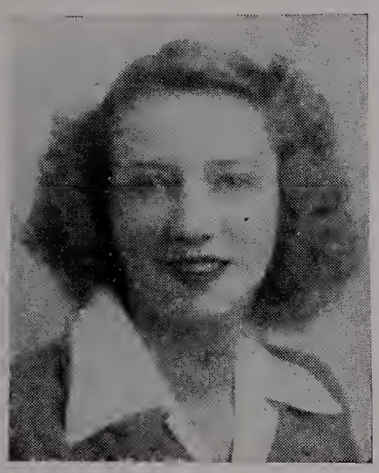
Virginia Durfee

"Ginny" "Durf"

"A cheerful temper maketh beauty attractive."



No word of introduction is necessary in presenting blonde, vivacious Ginny Durfee. Voted by the class as our best dancer, her ability on the basketball floor has also brought her recognition. Durf was elected Secretary of the class during her Sophomore year and has been a member of the Girls' Glee Club for three years. She is responsible for the success of the Pep Squad, which greatly profited under her leadership. As versatile as she is charming, Ginny has played a prominent part in social activities and athletics. After attending prep school, Ginny will prepare to teach physical education. Our best wishes for future success, Ginny.



Frances Irene Felag

"Frannie"

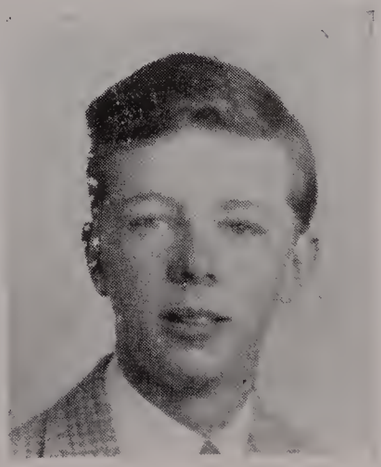
"To the willing mind, nothing is impossible."

Frannie, a quiet girl with an air of serene efficiency, came to us four years ago from Pottersville Grammar School. Her amiable disposition accounts for Frannie's innumerable friends. Bowling and skating occupy most of her spare time. She was an office girl for two years, proving her ability in handling clerical work. Frannie wishes to enter the business world as a stenographer and is planning to attend Allen's Business School to further prepare for her career. We know she possesses the requirements of the most meticulous employer. Good luck, Frannie.

Robert Michael Fleming

"Bob"

"There is only one proof of ability—action."



Bob caused a pleasant interruption in our Sophomore year when he came to us from Commerce High in Boston. Bob's pleasing personality was responsible for his immediate popularity and the host of friends he has made at Somerset. An accomplished dancer, a social affair would not be a complete success without him. Baseball ranks high on Bob's list of activities. Service in the Merchant Marine seems attractive to him and we know he will prove that Somerset High turns out capable men. After the war, Bob intends to study Diesel engineering. We predict a great career for him.

Charles Edward Frost

"Chic"

"And why should I be sad?"

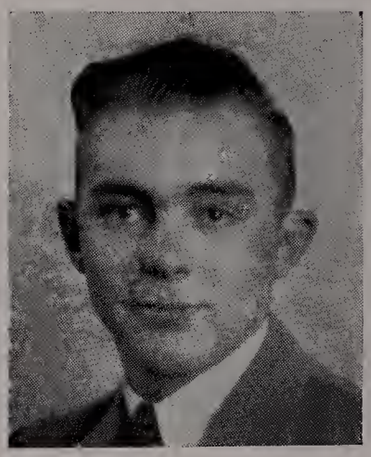
Is there anyone here who doesn't know Chic? Someone please break the oppressive silence! Chic started to make a name for himself when he burst in on Somerset four years ago, and he has succeeded. If there is any mysterious excitement stirring through the corridors, or a sudden hilarious outburst in a corner of the study hall, Chic is usually very much in evidence. We are inclined to believe that Chic's hobby is attempting to shake the law-abiding foundations of S. H. S., but Chic claims his sole interest is baseball. His scholastic record is an admirable one. We believe our Chic is an "all-round good scout." His present interest is the army, but Chic's post-war planning includes a career in photography. We're going to miss you, Chic!

John Galambos

"Johnny"

"None but himself can be his parallel."

Two short years ago, Johnny came to us from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and has earned the enviable reputation that belongs to any fellow who possesses good nature, outstanding personality, and many friends. He has studied commercial subjects since his entrance to Somerset High, and between classes he entertains classmates (and teachers?) by his rendition of the most popular songs in his own inimitable fashion. An enthusiastic sports fan, Johnny rarely misses a school game. Baseball, however, is his favorite hobby. John intends to join the army after graduation, but after the war the business world will gain another promising young accountant.



Dorothy Margaret Gonsalves

"Dot"

"It matters not how long we live, but how!"

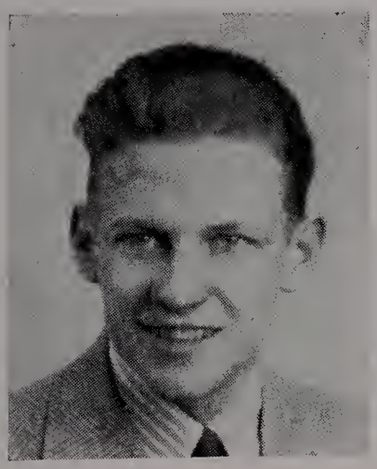
It is easy to picture Dot in a large, tranquil office, her competent self bent industriously over a typewriter. We congratulate her future employer, for in Dot he will have an efficient stenographer who works with thoroughness and fervor. Dot has been most popular in gym class, for she has always cheerfully consented to play the piano and she was able to comply with any request for a popular tune. Dot has been an active member of the Girls' Glee Club for your years. It is a great pleasure to have known you Dot, and we wish you everything in life you yourself wish for.

Lorraine Gooley

"Lorry"

"So small and yet so big."

Although Lorry is small in stature, she is by no means small in accomplishments. Quiet and unassuming, her talents are many. She draws and paints well, and the fast game of tennis which she plays cannot go unnoticed. Lorry's quieter moments are spent browsing in the library and reading current mystery thrillers. Lorry's future is undecided but we know that she will not stop until she reaches the highest pinnacle of success.



Gordon Elmer Hargreaves

"Ike"

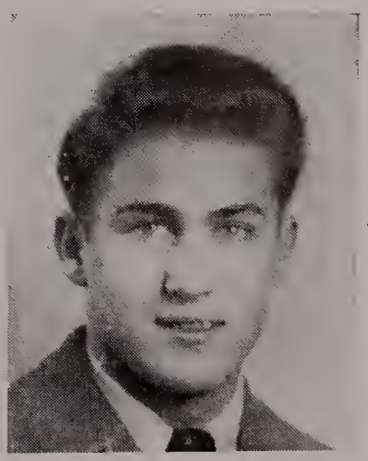
"I go on my way upward."

Progressive, capable, determined! These admirable attributes are responsible for Ike Hargreaves' popularity and success in any field he chooses to conquer. Gordon's most outstanding achievement was his being elected president of the Student Association in his Senior year. The student body greatly prospered under his aggressive and able leadership. His interests are many, but dancing and baseball are the most prominent. In preparation for entrance into the business world, Ike has for four years followed the Commercial Course. May you be as successful in life as you have been at Somerset High, Ike.

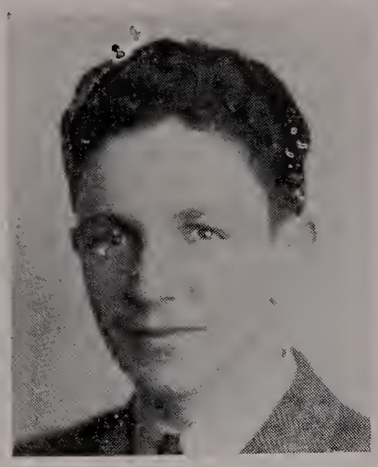
James Jenkinson

"Jenk"

"He has no troubles, for he laughs them away."



And here we have James Jenkinson, known to his friends as Jenk, one of the most versatile members of the class. He excels in athletics and he was an active participant in the "Hoop Game" this year. No dance is complete without the presence of our Jenk. An ardent sports fan, the National League provides Jenk and his colleagues with pocket money as well as excitement, but we won't discuss that, will we Jenk? He plans to join the Army in July and Jenk favors the Cavalry. He will enter the business world after the war. Success to you, Jenk!



Carl Edward Kashar

"But a wonderful twinkle showed in his eye."

Behind the jovial personality and quick wit Carl is noted for, lies a deep source of knowledge. He not only possesses a sense of humor, but his is the ability to think deeply and earnestly upon any problem which he may be confronted with. Carl has been active in many extra-curricular activities. Among his varied interests have been the Boys' Glee Club, the operation of the movie projection machine and skilled work in General Shop. An ardent sports fan, he was a member of the basketball team, assisted at the football games, and served as timekeeper at the intramural basketball games. His chief interest, however, is aviation and his main objective is a career in the Naval Air Corps. May success and happiness be yours, Carl.

Margaret Mary Kenney

"Peggy"

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine."

The sense of humor and dimpled smile which have won many high school friends for Peggy will undoubtedly be assets to her as a student nurse in the Union Hospital. In the not too distant future, we will find her donning the uniform of the Naval Nurse Corps, her ultimate goal. She was an active member of the girls' basketball team, and sang in the Glee Club for four years. Elected vice-president of the Student Association in her junior year, Peg did much to promote the general welfare of Somerset High School. Dancing and bowling are favorite pastimes with Peg, and four years of wholehearted cooperation and willingness have earned for her the enviable reputation she deserves—that of a "good sport." Don't lose that smile, Peg, and we know success is just around the corner.

Adaline Chace King

"Anne"

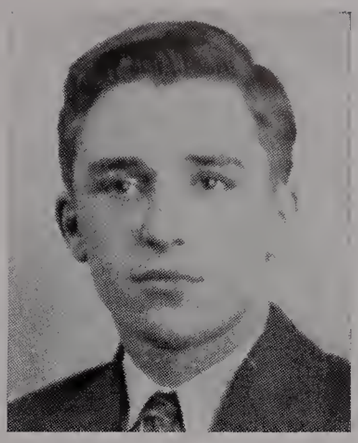
"Thy modesty's a candle to thy merit."

Frank, friendly, charming! These adjectives best describe our Anne. There is no limit to her activities, for her name has appeared countless times on the Honor Roll and her extra-curricular activities are numerous. Much of her leisure time is spent at the piano, catching candid camera shots of her classmates in most unflattering poses, or curled up in a chair with the current best seller. During her freshman year, Anne participated in the activities of the Science Club. She has followed the commercial course for four years, and plans to enter Allen's Business School after graduation in preparation for her chosen career—that of a private secretary. We wish you the best of everything, Anne.

Arnold Paul Labreche

"Mike"

"Gentleman is written legibly on his brow."



Mike has serenely carved his niche in our class because of his good nature and reliability. Although working part-time in his father's paint shop has prevented his participating in varsity sports, he has gained an excellent business background which will help him to prepare for his future career, that of a car painter. His favorite hobby is dancing, which he enjoys immensely. Mike, however, will find his immediate future in the Army Engineers, his chosen branch of the service. May your future be as successful as your past, Mike.

Lorraine Marie-Anne Lavoie

"Lorry"

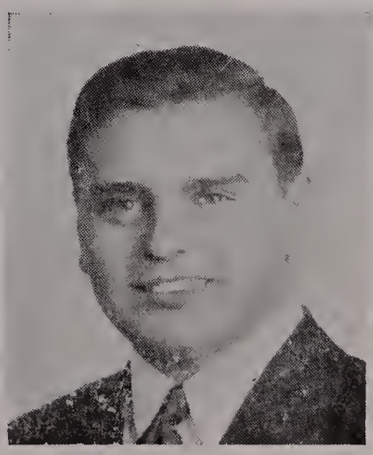
"Be good, sweet maid, and let who can be clever."

The class owes a vote of thanks to the Davis Grammar School for sending Lorraine to us. Lorry is one member of our class who rates high in constancy. Her leisure time is divided between music and sports which she enjoys immensely. A cafeteria cashier, her cheerful "Hello" is familiar to both teachers and classmates alike. Lorry has given excellent cooperation in the undertaking of Somerset High's clerical work and plans to study for a secretarial career. From past experience we know she will not fail us. Good luck, Lorry.

Paul Maurice LeComte

"Joe"

"The apparel oft proclaims the man."



Known as Joe to all his friends, Maurice has followed life at Somerset in an easy going, carefree manner. Interested in sports, he has been an active member of the basketball and football team. Equally responsible to class duties as well as extra-curricular activities, Joe served as treasurer of the Senior Class, and has been an energetic worker on committees of all types. For the duration of the war, Joe plans to serve in the Army Air Corps. His plans for the future also center around aviation, as he plans to be a transport pilot. May all your ambitions be realized, Joe.

Marjorie Frances Lee

"Marge"

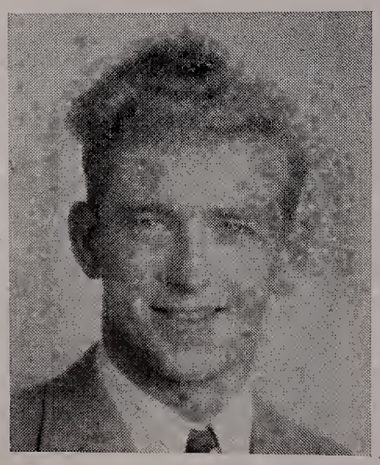
"Good nature and good sense must ever join."

Here is another reason why we are loath to leave Somerset High. Marge's sunny disposition and quick smile have made her a welcome addition to our class. An accomplished violinist, she has been a member of the school orchestra for two years. Besides her interest in music, Marge is fond of skating and dancing. As yet her plans for the future are not definite, but she will probably be influenced by the fact that she has excelled in the Commercial Course during her four years at high school. If her future is as happy as her past and present, we need have no fear. Best of luck to you, Marge.

Mary Pauline Maddock

"Deserve success and you shall command it."

Mary, one of the most cheerful girls in our class, came to us from the Village School. Her pleasant ways and ready smile are responsible for her popularity with pupils and teachers. Mary skates and dances with skill; perhaps this is the reason why her presence is always demanded by classmates and friends. A Library Associate, Mary can always be found assisting someone with an unwieldly reference book. She has faithfully followed the Commercial Course and plans to further her education at Allen's Business School. We know she will succeed in her chosen field, and the class wishes her the happiness she so deserves.



Albert Joseph Oliver

"Al"

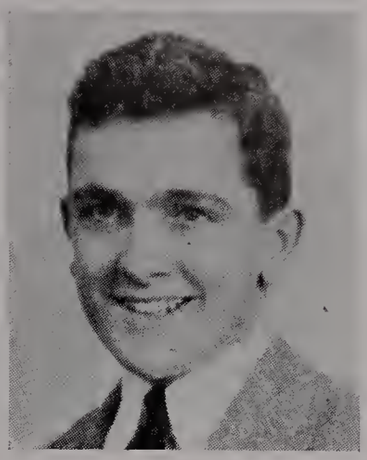
"He who has a thousand friends,
has not a friend to spare."

Al is a jovial fellow whose sparkling personality and witty remarks have made him known and liked by all. He was an active member of the Boys' Glee Club and served as Vice-President during his junior year. An energetic promoter of dances and socials, Al can always be found hard at work to make any affair a social and financial success. Proof of his class spirit and enthusiasm is the fact that he was elected boy councillor for two successive years. He plans to join the Navy and we are certain Al possesses the qualities of an ideal sailor.

Donald Michael Parrott

"Polly"

"I never think of the future, it comes soon enough."

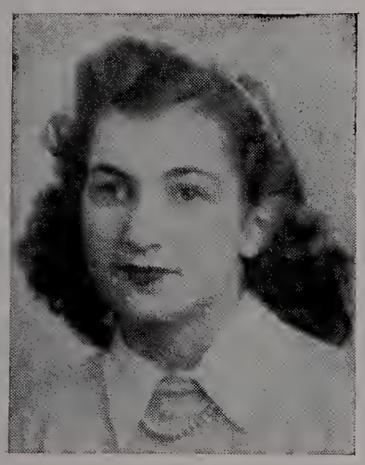


The meeting will please come to order!When the class of '44 entered S. H. S., Polly was elected president and retained this title for the remainder of his high school career. Progressive and hard-working, he was appropriately chosen as the boy who did the most for our class. Polly, fun-loving and popular, helps to make any social affair a success, although we still wonder why he refuses to learn to dance. Uncle Sam has probably planned his future, but he is interested in joining the Air Corps. We are confident of your success, Polly.

Dorothy Margaret Parrott

"Dot" "Weenie"

"A small body often harbors a great soul."

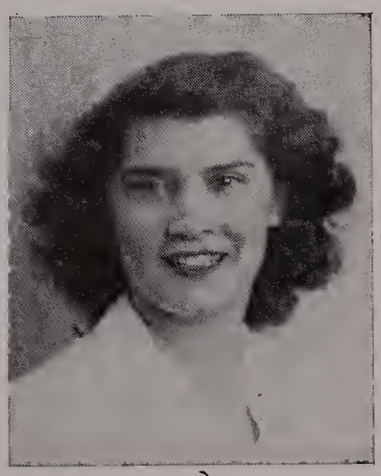


The saying that "Good things come in small packages" manifests itself in Dot, one of the most popular girls in the class. Her scholastic and social abilities are well balanced for her name has appeared countless times on the Honor Roll. A gym period or a run around the obstacle course would not be complete without Dot. Proof of her popularity is the offices she held; class secretary for two years, treasurer of the Library Associates and secretary of the Girls' Glee Club. Weenie has no particular likes or dislikes, for she does everything well; skating, dancing, bowling—all appeal to her. Although future plans are not definite, Weenie is interested in becoming a kindergarten teacher. The best wishes of the class go with you, Dot.

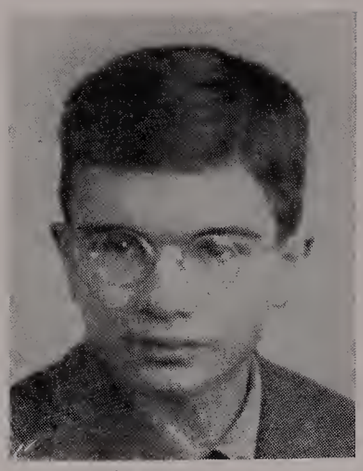
Constance Quental

"Connie"

"Oh, make us happy and you make us good."



Connie, one of the most versatile members of our class, is happiest when leaning over a drawing board or sketching caricatures of her friends on the cover of her notebook. An ardent sports fan, Connie herself plays a fast moving game of basketball. She was a member of the Girls' Glee Club during her senior year and served as Girl Councillor. She has for four years successfully followed the Commercial Course. Although Connie's future is undecided, she will no doubt enter the business world. Only good fortune and happiness to you, Connie.



Richard Harold Robbins

"Dick"

"Reading maketh a full man."

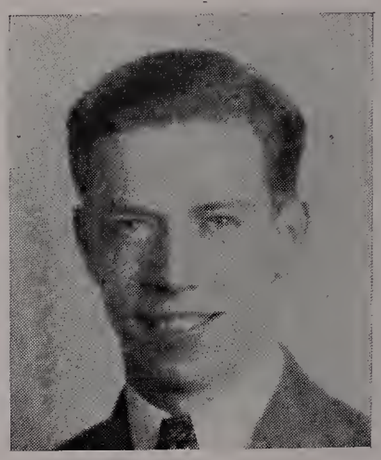
The class of '44 hails Dick as one of its best students. He came tto us at the beginning of his junior year from Taunton High and in a very short time, Dick became installed as one of us. Almost immediately, the Round Table requested his attendance, and his intelligence and originality made him a valuable asset to this organization. Much of Dick's spare time is devoted to chemistry, a subject in which he excels. He plans to become a history teacher, and next Fall will find him enrolled at Columbia University. We expect great things of you, Dick.

Dale Simcock Rothwell

"Doc" "Dan'l"

"The study of science teaches men to think."

Dale, known to all his classmates as Doc, can usually be found in the Lab, attempting to prove his latest theory by a complicated experiment. An active member of the Science Club, he served as vice-president in his freshman and sophomore years and was elected president the remaining two years. His scholastic record is an admirable one, for his name has appeared on the honor roll many times. Dale is always present at the school dances and is a welcome addition at any social event. He plans to attend Brown University to study medicine. The class is confident of Dale's success.



Dorothy Virginia Santos

"Dot"

"A tender heart, a will inflexible."

Dot is a fun-loving, sociable girl, whose determination has brought her safely through her four years at Somerset High School. Her amiability and charming disposition are responsible for her popularity among teachers and classmates. Dot's entertaining anecdotes of work on the victory shift are familiar to all. Any summer's day will find her sailing up and down the Taunton River or taking a long bike ride, as both are ideal forms of recreation for Dot. Although Dot's future vocation is undecided, we are certain that success is destined to follow so capable a girl.

Edythe Louise Shannon

"Ede"

"True as the needle to the pole,
or as the dial to the sun."

The class is indeed fortunate in having Ede among its number. Ede's quiet manner is no drawback to her popularity, for she is the possessor of many steadfast friends. Ede's prowess on the dance floor is a pass-word at Somerset, and she never fails to attend any of the school's social functions. Edythe plans to enter the business world after graduation, as she has successfully completed a four year study of commercial subjects. May you dance into the lives of future friends, Ede, as you have here at Somerset!

Ruth Constance Sherman

"Ruthie"

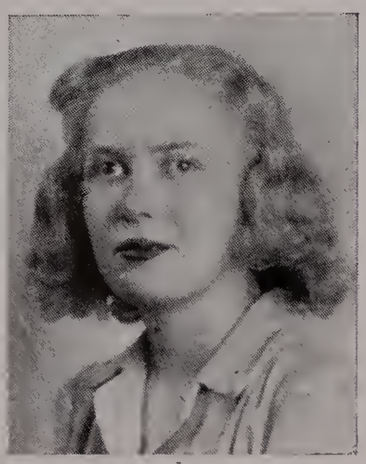
"Burdens become light when cheerfully born."

Determination, constancy, success! These have been the characteristics of Ruthie's four years existence at Somerset High. An all around good sport, Ruthie was always available when hard work was necessary. She has won an enviable reputation because of her mathematical ability, although her reluctance to recite in English IV remains a secret. Ruth has been a member of the Girls' Glee Club since her freshman year and has taken an active part in athletics. Her life-long ambition will be realized when she enters Truesdale Hospital as a student nurse this Fall. We know that perseverance will win for Ruthie the choicest laurels of success.

Myrtle Althea Simmons

"Myrt"

"The soul is strong that trusts in goodness."



Myrt, a quiet reserved young lady, is recognized by her very light blonde hair. Her pleasantness and reliability have made her liked by both teachers and students. She enjoys cooking and sewing and her clothes are ample evidence of her dressmaking ability. Myrtle has made a success of her commercial studies, and has been active in the Girls' Glee Club for four years. She plans to go to school of applied arts after graduation. The whole class is behind you wishing you loads of luck, Myrt!

Barbara Mary Talbot

"Barb"

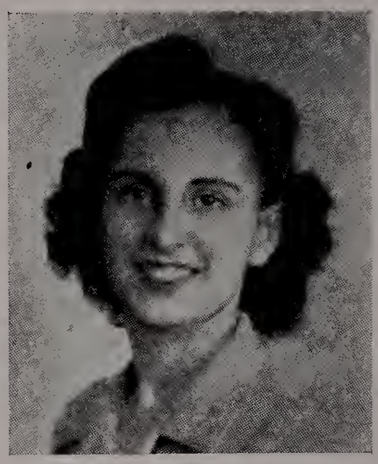
"Knowledge is power."

Barb, one of the most interesting and active members of our class, has followed the College Course for four happy and successful years. Barb successfully combined her many interests. She served on the Student Council as vice-president of our class for three years. A library associate, Barb was chosen Chairman in her Senior year and was elected president of the Girls' Glee Club, having been a member of this organization for four years. Chosen editor of Memoirs VII, the success of this volume is proof of her journalistic ability. Barbara plans to teach high school English and will enter college this Fall. With all she has to offer, success and happiness are inevitable. Luck to you, Barb!

Dorvalina Medeiros Tavares

"Dovie"

"With malice toward none, with charity for all."



Dovie, a small, dark-eyed lass, is as pleasant and agreeable a person as you would care to meet. Her good-nature and willingness to help have won her many stead-fast friends. There is a sparkling humor behind her quietness and deep thoughts. Dovie, upon coming to us from South School, enrolled in the Commercial Course, and has been a member of the Girls' Glee Club throughout her high school days. She loves dancing and is an enthusiastic jitterbug. Dorvalina has been a great help to us by her services rendered in the school cafeteria. Her ambition is to become a telephone operator and her pleasing disposition is an assurance of success. Good Luck, Dovie!

Barbara Susan Thurston

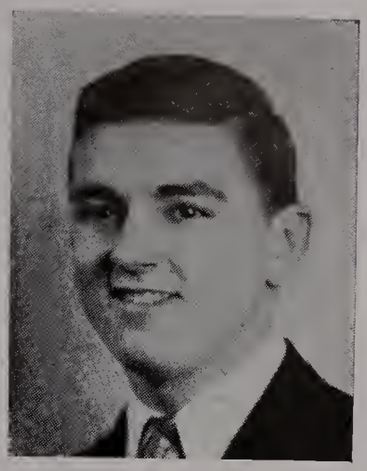
"Mort"

"Oh, she dances in such a way."

Vivacious and fun loving, Mort Thurston came to Somerset High four years ago from the Pottersville Grammar School. A talented dancer, she has entertained various groups and organizations. Mort has sung in the Girls' Glee Club for four years. In preparation for entrance into the Truesdale Hospital in September where Mort will be enrolled as a student nurse, she has successfully completed the College Course. Her ready wit and agreeable nature are sure to win her many friends wherever she may go. You'll make a most efficient nurse, Barbara. Won't you reserve us a place on your list of prospective patients?

Earl Warren Williams

"He hits the mark his eye doth level at."

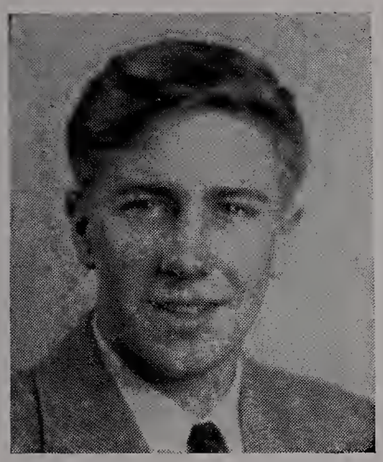


The Wilbur School is responsible for this most welcome addition to the Class of '44. Earl entered high school as an insignificant freshman and leaves many friends and a fine record behind him. Earl, always willing and ready, appeared on numerous committees. His interests are varied, but dancing and bowling are favorite forms of recreation for Earl. He has followed the Commercial Course, and plans to further his education there. Loads of luck wishes of the class are with you, Earl.

Theodore Williamson, Jr.

"Ted"

"He was both merry and wise."

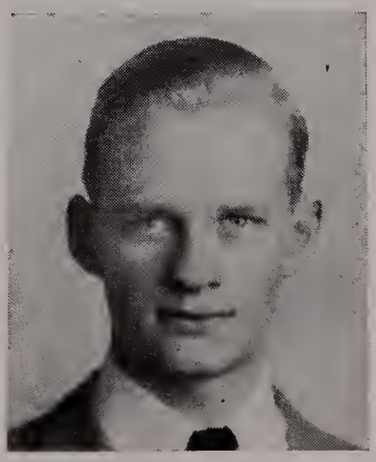


We doubt very much, if Ted has ever known a moment of worry or care in his four years at Somerset High School. A smile and cheery hello for everyone is Ted's policy, which no doubt accounts for his popularity with teachers and classmates. Ted came to us from Pottersville School and assumed the duties of Class Treasurer in his freshman year. He enjoys dancing and bowling and has been an active member of the basketball team. Worcester Polytechnic Institute is indeed fortunate, for Ted plans ot further his education there. Loads of luck to you, Ted, and may all your acquaintances enjoy your sense of humor and personality as much as we have.

John Arthur Worton

"Jack"

"More powerful is he who has himself in his own power."



Jack Worton, able and efficient business manager of Memoirs VII, is definite proof that high scholastic standing and participation in extra-curricular activities are a very successful combination. Jack is a familiar figure on the dance floor and his prowess on the basketball floor has won him high recognition. An honor student, he has completed the college course and intends to further his education at M. I. T. Jack's chosen vocation lies in the field of engineering. May your future life be as successful as your four years at Somerset. Loads of luck, Jack!

Our Servicemen

"I do love my country's good with a respect more tender and more holy than mine own life."

The Class of 1944 points with pride to those seven members who left home, friends and school life behind to join the various branches of the armed forces of the United States.

There is little we can say, for their records are ample proof that they have remembered the tradition of Somerset High School. Our school motto, "Carpe Diem," is the rule our servicemen have chosen to abide by; in what better fashion could they have "seized the opportunity?"

May we at home wish our classmates in uniform the success and happiness they so deserve.

Cpl. Francis Rego Costa

"Frannie"

When Frannie enlisted on April 5, 1943, the class realized that our loss was indeed the army's gain. We lost our Treasurer, a position which Frannie had held for two successful years. He reported to Camp Edwards, where he was stationed until he rereceived his A. P. O. number. Our Frannie is now serving his country as a member of an anti-aircraft unit somewhere in England. Cooperative and progressive, Frannie will attain success in any field he chooses to conquer. Loads of luck Frannie, we're proud of you.

Kenneth Cummings, Soundman 2/C

"Ken" "Kenny"

In February, 1943, Kenny abandoned high school for the most worthy cause of all, and donned the uniform of the U. S. Navy. Always interested in radio, Kenny entered this field and realized his ambition when he was recently appointed Soundman on a destroyer escort. Previously, Ken had been stationed at Quonset, R. I. After returning to civilian life, he will build his career upon the study of radio. Smooth sailing, Ken—the class will always remember your quick wit and affability.

Pvt. Wesley Mathewson Gardner

"Wes"

Wesley's cooperation and responsibility are decided attributes to any organization; we hope the army appreciates our Wes. Inducted on July 29, 1943, Wesley left for Fort Devens and remained there for about a week before he reported to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for four months of basic training in infantry replacement. Wes enjoyed an eight day leave in January before being sent to Fort Meade, Maryland. He sailed from New York and to his surprise, as well as ours, arrived in North Africa in February. Wes has certainly seen the world, for his present station is southern Italy. We're looking forward to seeing you soon, Wes—loads of luck!

Arthur Ironfield S 2/C

"Art"

Although we have missed Art, we have never worried about him, for his happy-go-lucky nature and ready smile are assurances of immediate popularity. Art enlisted on March 17, 1943, and reported for eight weeks basic training at Sampson, New York. After "boot training,' he traveled extensively, being stationed at Indianapolis and Norfolk, and going to school at Philadelphia for a short time. Since December, Art has been a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Kennebec. We are looking forward to seeing you soon Art, and until then may all your ventures be as successful and happy as was your life at Somerset High.

P. F. C. Christopher Kiley

"Chris"

Chris left Somerset on August 29, 1943, and immediately put the valuable training he had received at high school to use, for Chris is now a typist at Camp Edwards. This position enables him to spend many week-ends at home, and this situation is equally pleasant for all Chris' friends and classmates. As yet, his only plans are to return to civilian life. Your ability and ambition will help you to achieve your goal. Success and happiness, Chris.

Augustine Motta, Jr. S 2/C

"Auggie"

When Auggie enlisted in the U. S. Navy on March 30, 1943, the class lost a talented artist, an accomplished dancer, and a good friend. Auggie was sent to Sampson, New York, where he received his "boot training" and after a short leave he reported to Bainbridge, Maryland, to study Pharmacy. Upon graduation, Augustine was transferred to Portsmouth, N. H. where he is now stationed. Although the class misses Augustine, we are confident of his future success and happiness.

Pvt. Gilbert Perry

"Peanut"

When Gil did not return to school last September, we were minus an instructor in military drill, an acting class treasurer, and a grand fellow. Gil Perry joined the U. S. Army on June 29, 1943 and reported to Fort Devens. Because he had chosen a career in the Air Corps, he received his basic training at Greensboro, N. C. We next found Gil studying diligently at a school in Gulfport, Miss. He has graduated and is waiting to be appointed to a Gunnery School. May only the best things of life be yours, Gil.

We nominate to the Hall of Fame

Boy	Class	Girl
Gordon Hargreaves	Did Most for S. H. S.	Constance Chace
Donald Parrott	Did most for Class of 1944	Barbara Talbot
John Worton	Most likely to Succeed	Barbara Talbot
John Worton	Most Brilliant	Doris Baker
Richard Robbins	Most Studious	Doris Baker
Donald Parrott	Most Popular	Barbara Talbot
William Barrar	Most Dignified	Annette Blanchette
Richard Robbins	Most Original	Dorothy Parrott
John Galambos	Most Musical	Dorothy Doucette
Charles Frost	Most Comical	Barbara Thurston
Dale Rothwell	Most Romantic	Barbara Bennett
William Barrar	Most Attractive	Virginia Durfee
Maurice LeComte	Most Versatile	Ethel Bell
Russell Burdick	Most Athletic	Margaret Kenney
Theodore Williamson	Most Interesting	Barbara Bennett
Russell Burdick	Most Agreeable	Margaret Kenney
Gordon Hargreaves	Best Orator	Ethel Bell
William Barrar	Best Dancer	Virginia Durfee
John Galambos	Best Singer	Dorothy Boulay
Russell Burdick	Best Artist	Constance Quental
Donald Parrott	Best Looking	Dorothy Doucette
Donald Parrott	Best Personality	Barbara Talbot
Charles Frost	Wittiest	Doris Copley
Maurice LeComte	Fashion Plate	Margaret Kenney
Manuel Amaral	Flirt	Virginia Durfee

Class History

The Class of 1944 might appropriately be called Somerset High's First War Class. Sitting in school, that first day in September, 1940, it was difficult to picture a future sailor or soldier in the youth beside us. Yet, in the course of four years, we were to find seven of our boys in uniform, and but fifty-one of our original eighty-seven members left.

We were officially welcomed to Somerset High School in October at the Freshman Reception, sponsored by the Sophomore Class, under the leadership of its president, Bradford Leonard, now a Tank Driver in England.

The War seriously affected our faculty during our second year at Somerset. Mr. William Ney, our former Latin and Math Teacher, now Lieutenant Ney of the U. S. N. R. in command of an air base at Santa Ana, Calif., was the first to leave. Mr. Thomas Eagan, Business Teacher and Guidance Supervisor, became a Lt. in the U. S. N. Lt. Eagan is now instructing at a base in Tampa, Fla. Our Home Economics Teacher, Miss Agnes Hornby, left us to assume duties at the officers' mess at the Newport Naval Station. Last to leave her role as Teacher at Somerset High, was Miss Edith Hunt, who in our Junior Year, became an Ensign in the Waves, and is now occupied with the difficult task of mastering the Japanese Language at the University of Colorado. The loss of these teachers to a worthy cause was compensated by those who replaced them.

Extra-curricular activities found their way into our school life under the guidance of Miss Ruth B. Eddy, able director of the Glee Clubs, and Coach William Spokesfield, supervisor of Physical Education and competitive sports.

In our Junior year, Physical Education for both Military and civilian life put a landmark in our school yard by the construction on our playground of the obstacle course, which is likely to long remain as a monument to the War.

Our school activities were varied, but limited. Dances and socials conducted throughout the four years were a source of enjoyment. Military Drill for the boys was introduced was the first time, while the girls were instructed by Mrs. Mildred King, Physical Education instructor, who assumed her duties at the beginning of our Senior Year.

The real significance of the War was brought home to us when the High School boys of yesterday donned uniforms to become the fighting men of today. Our class is represented in the Navy by Arthur Ironfield, Augustine Motta, and Kenneth Cummings; in the Army by Gilbert Perry, Wesley Gardner, Christopher Kiley and Francis Rego Costa. As we approach graduation with these boys widely scattered on the sea and "over there" we wish them and those to go the best of luck.

Our high school days have drawn to a close, the banquet and prom are in the past, and with our school motto "Carpe Diem" we go forth to meet the future.

Officers who have faithfully served the class for our four years at Somerset High School, were:

President—Donald Parrott 1, 2, 3, 4

Vice-President—Barbara Talbot 1, 2, 4
Jeannette Laliberty 3

Secretary—Beatrice Golden 1
Virginia Durfee 2
Dorothy Boulay 3
Dorothy Parrott 4

Treasurer—Theodore Williamson 1
Francis R. Costa 2, 3
Paul M. LeComte 4

Much of the success of our Class can be attributed to the guidance of iour Advisors, who have been:

Thomas Eagan, Jr.
Ralph C. Wescott
Doris J. McCarthy
Ruth B. Mason

The Prophecy

The sun emerged from behind a filmy, white cloud and concentrated its warmest, brightest rays on the town of Somerset. A faint wind rippled through the balmy air—it was an indescribably beautiful day. But the glorious weather could not surpass the joyousness of the occasion, for this perfect morning was to see the launching of a mighty battleship, the first to be completed at the Somerset Shipyards, under contract of the United States government.

I hurried to the pier, where a huge crowd had gathered, impatient for the ceremony to begin. The heavenly day and the sightof so many familiar faces were a most suitable background for my indulging in pleasant reminiscences. Ah, how our little town had progressed. Ten short years ago, I had graduated from Somerset High School. Little did I realize then, that in this year, 1954, I would witness the launching of the ship "Somerset"—this was indeed our crowning achievement.

I wandered about aimlessly shaking hands and exchanging greetings with old friends and former classmates. The ever-increasing throng was kept under control by the diligent efforts of Police Chief Earl Williams and his men.

Reporters and photographers were numerous and I recognized Carl Kashar, associated press photographer, standing on the running board of his car, which was driven by John Galambos, his indispensable co-worker.

Wishing to see the "Somerset" at close range, I joined two old friends, Peg Kenney and Barbara Bennett, now nurses, and together we made our way to the bow of the famous vessel. Designed by a home town lad, engineer Theodore Williamson, this ship has set a new standard for sea-going craft. The silent engine was an invention of diesel engine expert Bob Fleming.

A group of workers were removing the triangular-shaped wedges, while Dorothy Santos and Eleanor DeMello, now veteran welders, watched the procedure. Foreman Al Oliver supervised this tedious job.

My attention was momentarily diverted by two sets of twins, who were quarreling over the rightful ownership of an enormous lollipop. Their dark eyes and hair were familiar, yes, they were exact replicas of the twins who graduated from Somerset High in 1944. They were quickly silenced by the rebukes of their mother and I waved gayly at our Dot—the things that can happen in ten years!

We wended our way through the crowd to a gayly striped refreshment stand. Imagine my surprise when I saw that the two waitresses were former classmates. Ella Buckley and Dorvalina Tavares had gone into business for themselves and now owned a very successful chain of "Pink Tower Hamburger Stands." Anne King and Frannie Felag, government girls home on vacation from Washington, were chatting amicably while waiting to be served.

Someone behind me ordered two bottles of pop and I recognized the voice of Dick Robbins, author of the current best-seller, "The Rise and Fall of Fascism." He and Virginia Durfee, teacher of physical education, were discussing the recent trans-atlantic flight of Joe LeComte, renowned aviator. Much of the success of this record flight is attributed to the scientific genius of Dale Rothwell, who has perfected a new fluid gas.

Mort Thurston, still in nurse's uniform, joined our little gathering and informed us of the success of Edythe Shannon's appendectomy. Dr. William Barrar, assisted by nurse Ruth Sherman, had performed the operation.

People were surging about a small platform, which was reserved for celebrities and officials. Doris Baker, New York Times reporter, was busy interviewing the most prominent. I watched Doris's astonished expression when she encountered James Jenkinson, sole owner of an expensive hotel.

Violinist Dorothy Doucette, who had just returned from a nation wide tour, was being shielded from the press by her secretary and lifelong friend, Mary Maddock. Russ Burdick, sports commentator, sat next to Dorothy. He was kept busy signing autographs for Somerset's younger generation.

Strains of martial music claimed our immediate attention, and a dozen Waves, acting as honor guard for Marine-hero Charles Frost, entered midst a burst of applause. Priscilla Demers and Lorraine Lavoie had chosen enlistment in the Waves as a life-time career—and look, there was Ruth Clarkson and Doris Copley, also in the uniform of the Waves.

At last, the ceremony was underway, Dorothy Boulay, accompanied on the piano by Dorothy Gonsalves, led us in a rendition of the National Anthem. The silence was broken by the shrill wail of a child, and I turned to see a very embarrassed Connie Chace, hushing the cries of her infant son, who had dropped his rattle. The toy was retrieved by Donald Parott, a Captain in the Army Air Corps.

Next on the program was a speech by Senator John Worton, who was accompanied by his advisor and colleague, Gordon Hargreaves. I marveled at the speed in which the Senator's secretary, Annette Blanchette, took notes in a brisk and efficient manner.

The ship's crew was then inspected by Lt.Commander Armstrong. I watched proudly as seamen Benevides and Labreche smartly returned the salute of their superior officers. Manuel Amaral, chief engineer, reported that all was in readiness.

While the crew was boarding the ship, a slim blonde girl whom I recognized as Myrtle Simmons, head buyer of Filene's Department Store, joined us to introduce the first violinist of Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra. An introduction was not necessary, as the successful musician was none other than Margie Lee.

Now, all was in readiness. Socialite Ethel Bell grasped the bottle of champagne. The eyes of every woman present rested on Ethel's hat, a Quental original. Our Connie was now a protege of Lily Dache. I saw Lorraine Gooley, editor of a society column, jot down the costumes worn by various celebrities.

As if at a given signal, pandemonium broke loose. The ship "Somerset" had been duly christened and was gracefully sliding down the ways. We were still cheering as the mighty vessel hit the water with a resounding splash, and proudly righted herself.

As we stood gazing at the vessel, my thoughts turned back 10 years to the day when the Class of '44 had bravely embarked on the sea of life. Although our journey was not yet over, many of us had already attained success. As the mighty "Somerset" had needed a strong foundation in order to brave storms and rough seas, so had we discovered that the basic foundation played a most important role whenever we were confronted by life's many problems. The Class of '44 will be everlastingly grateful for the excellent background Somerset High has afforded us.

Class Officers

President ..... Donald Michael Parrott
Vice President ..... Barbara Mary Talbot
Secretary ..... Dorothy Margaret Parrott
Treasurer ..... Paul Maurice LeComte
Councillor ..... Constance Mary Quental
Councillor ..... Albert Joseph Oliver

Somerset High "Alma Mater"

Hail Alma Mater! Hail to the school of our heart,
Through years of devotion we never will part,
We'll carry on for dear old Somerset:
Thy spirit will bring us the light,
With loyal hearts so true, we pay our debt to you,
All hail to the Blue and the White!
Hail Alma Mater! Hail to the Blue and the White!
Thy glorious tradition forever be bright,
We'll carry on the torch of victory
In praise of your name and the right.
Forever and a day, to you we'll honor pay,
All hail to the Blue and the White!

IN MEMORIAM

February 4, 1926 August 1, 1943

BARBARA V. ALLEN

Her genuine character, radiant friendliness and enthusiastic loyalty to our school were only a few of the attributes of our beloved classmate. Her cooperation in classes, at work, and in extra-curricular activities was constant and devoted; she was happiest when helping others. We have lost a true friend, but the memory of her sincerity and high purpose will ever remain with us. "To live in the hearts you leave behind is not to die."

SCHOOL MOTTO

"Carpe Diem"

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Victory Song

(*Dedicated to all men who have worn the Blue and White*)

The Blue and White forever
Honor-honor to those who
Carry on-marching on
Onward to victory!
We'll fight on for Somerset
Proudly-carry her banner high
In defeat or triumph sweet
Her name will never die.
The Blue and White forever
Fight! Fight! Fight for the Blue and White
To the end, we will bend,
ON TO VICTORY!

(Tune: The Ranger's Song)

The School

"It is in the sound education of the people that the security of any nation rests."

STUDENT COUNCIL

1943-1944 has sen the most active Student Council in the history of Somerset High School. Under the leadership of progressive President Gordon Hargreaves, this organization has met on the average of once a week in an attempt to solve the problems which confront the students. Many important topics have been discussed. Among the most important were: the completion of the Honor Roll, general school sanitation and cooperation, and dancing after basketball games. A recreation center is foremost in the minds of all Student Council members and the cooperation of adults and students is evident in this whole hearted attempt to find recreational facilities for the town's younger element. The Student Council is a true form of democratic government and this year's record is one to be proud of. As this organization grows, it will undoubtedly achieve great things.

Members of the Somerset High Student Council are:

President	Gordon Hargreaves	Secretary	Patricia Silvia
Vice President	Lorraine Trudeau	Treasurer	Russell Burdick

Senior Representatives

Donald Parrott	Albert Oliver	Maurice LeComte
Dorothy Parrott	Barbara Talbot	Constance Quental

Junior Representatives

William Matthews	John McGrady	Paul Daley
Faye Crocker	Dorothy Camara	Mary Wawriw

Sophomore Representatives

John Butterworth	Everett Bennett	William Doonan
Janet Barrar	Rhoda Leonard	Virginia Bowers

Freshman Representatives

Thomas Jewell	Dolores Lynch	Thomas Doyle
Virginia Crossley	Mary Veloza	Alexander Rotsko

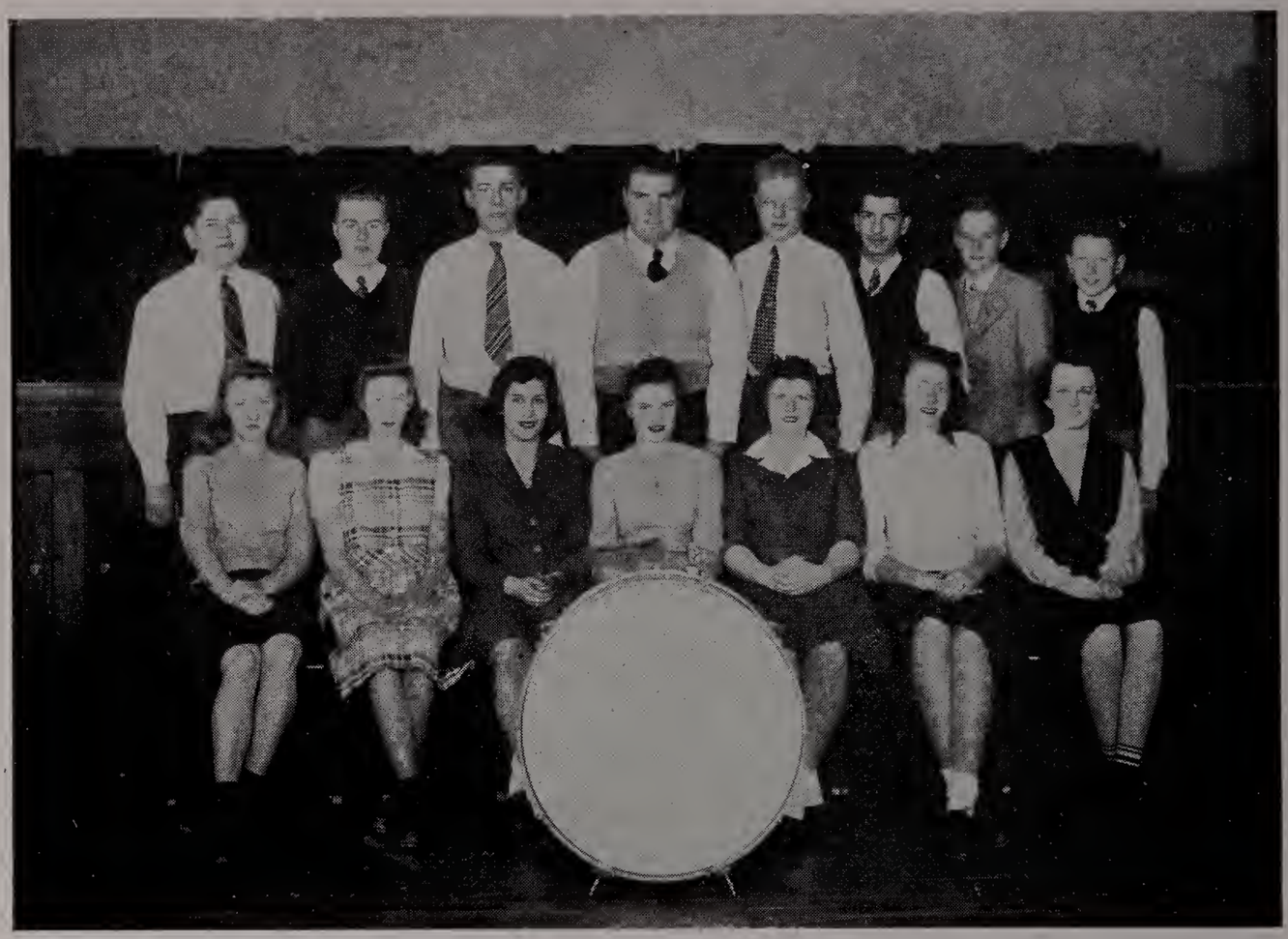
GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Somerset High School Girls' Glee Club has successfully completed its seventh year, under the supervision of Miss Ruth B. Eddy. The club's membership has increased steadily and reorganization in September showed a membership of 61, the largest in the history of the organization.

In February, the club was called upon to participate in a program which was held at the Pottersville Grammar School for the P. T. A. The rendition of two numbers "Democracy Forever" and "The Quest," was well received. Roberta Chace, talented freshman, was soloist.

President Barbara Talbot has done much to make the club a success. Other officers are: Marjorie Dafgard, secretary; Marjorie Boulay, treasurer; and pianist, Shirley Sanborn, whose willing cooperation is recognized and appreciated.

Other members of the club are, *Seniors*: Ruth Clarkson, Constance Chace, Myrtle Simmons, Dorothy Parrott, Barbara Thurston, Virginia Durfee, Dorothy Doucette, Mary Maddock, Margaret Kenney, Dorothy Boulay, Dorvalina Tavares, Dorothy Gonsalves, Ruth Sherman, and Constance Quental; *Juniors*: Doris Comeau, Ann Ruby, Marguerite Smith, Jacqueline Pavao, Margaret Greene, Roberta Dickinson, Gertrude Cabral, Isabel McClellan, Evelyn Botelho, Beatrice Bertholde, Dorothy Camara, Patricia Silvia, and Mildred Goff; *Sophomores*: Myra Veloza, Dorothy Oldham, Marilyn Chace, Constance Ploski, Genevieve Estrella, Edna Snyder, Barbara Shannon, Patricia Lynch, Barbara Debnam, Janet Barrar, and Patricia Hayden; *Freshmen*: Dorothy Botelho, Ruth Weeden, Shirley Wilson, Clotilde Souza, Elsie Oliveira, Madelyn Goff, Dorothy Wood, Theresa Gallant, Wanda Talpa, Lorraine Ferland, Eleanor Bodwell, Shirley Haggerty, Mary Veloza, Jacqueline Rousseau, Claudine Motta, Dolores Lynch, Doris Valley, Virginia Crossley, and Carolyn Santos.



THE ORCHESTRA

The orchestra has proven this year, as in former years, to be a valuable auxiliary in our school life. Its members are to be complimented for the standard they have attained, made possible through diligent progress. "Perserverance is the mother of success" reads a proverb; our orchestra has certainly persevered and is, therefore, rightly entitled to the success it now enjoys. Under the competent direction of Miss Ruth B. Eddy, the orchestra has played at various assemblies.

The orchestra is comprised of the following:

Violins: Dorothy Doucette
Virginia Bowers
Ann Ruby
Ethel MacFarland

Clarinets: Thomas Stansfield
Caleb Whiton
William Hinton
John Alywood
Robert Alves
Ernest Gagnon

Trumpet: Thomas Daley

Drum: Raymond Lussier

Piano: Shirley Sanborn
Dorothy Wood

Bass: Jean Harrington

LIBRARY ASSOCIATES

The S. H. S. Library, under the expert direction of William A. Hart, librarian, is a vital part of our school system.

The latest addition to the library is "Victory Corner," a section which includes all those books which deal with World War II.

All types of books have been purchased and the increase in reference material and non-fiction is most evident. The library consists of 2,377 books, with a growth of 250 a year. The circulation has increased steadily and records show an average of 160 pupils having books out at all times.

The library has proved an invaluable aid to both pupils and faculty.

Librarians who have faithfuly assisted Mr. Hart are:

SENIORS:

Barbara Talbot, Chairman
Constance Chace, Vice Chairman
Dorothy Doucette, Secretary
Dorothy Parrott, Treasurer
Mary Maddock, Entertainment

JUNIORS:

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Ethel MacFarlane
Margarite McNeil
Lorraine Trudeau
Mary Wawriw

SOPHOMORES:

Marilyn Chace
Anne Driscolle
Rhoda Leonard
Lorraine Loiselle
Phyllis Mycock
Arleen Murray

THE SCIENCE CLUB

Under the guidance of Mr. Wescott and President Dale Rothwell, the club has met weekly, alternating its business with a program of movies and experiments.

The first meeting of the fourteen members of the club was held for the election of officers. The following leaders were chosen:

President	Dale Rothwell
Vice President	George Auclair
Secretary	Edward Chatterton
Treasurer	Anne Driscoll

To increase the club treasury, several hikes and a dance were planned. These events, financially and socially, proved to be a great success.

It is our sincere hope that the ever-growing Science Club will continue its good work.

Members of the club are:

Dale Rothwell	Thomas Jewell
Doris Baker	Francis Lussier
Faye Crocker	Joan Rothwell
Edward Chatterton	Janice Williamson
George Auclair	Donald Cox
Anne Driscoll	Marjorie Boynton
Inez Gell	Barbara Bennett

THE PEP SQUAD

S-O-M-E-R-S-E-T!! Somerset's long locomotive has been rendered with more spirit this year than ever before, thanks to the efforts of the Pep Squad, under the able leadership of Virginia Durfee. Although football was omitted from our extra-curricular activities, the girls cheered the basketball team on to its many victories.

During the school year, they sponsored two successful dances and took charge of the pep rallies.

Cooperative and progressive, this group has been a welcome addition to Somerset High.

Members of the Pep Squad:

Virginia Durfee '44	Blanche Waitt '45	Constance Ploski '46
Faye Crocker '45	Gertrude Cabral '45	Rita Bouley '46
Isabel McClellan '45	Dorothy Camara '45	Barbara Debnam '46
Patricia Silvia '45	Anna Madden '46	Virginia Bowers '46

BASKETBALL

Somerset High's 1943-44 Basketball team was one of the largest squads turned out in many years. Due to war restrictions, the "Hoop Game" was the only sport enjoyed by the Blue and White this year, but the excitement and action seen on the basketball floor was no small compensation for the lack of other activities.

Having thirteen games on their schedule, the team played a fast passing and high scoring game. At the beginning of the season, Coach Thompson worked a two unit varsity, substituting a whole team for a time, but this was soon abandoned because of an insufficient number of players who were experienced for this system.

The aggressive and sharp shooting forward line, consisting of William Oliveria, John McGrady, Theodore Williamson, James Jenkinson and Raymond Chace have carried the Blue Raiders to glory. Jack Worton, Russell Burdick, Carl Kashar, William Armstrong and Arthur Kashar played a speedy and steady game at the defensive position.

Thanks to the competent direction of Coach Harold Thompson, the record of the basketball team is an admirable one.

Although the inexperienced Jayvees competed with teams who had more knowledge of the game, they have shown themselves to be a fighting unit, having many victories to their credit.

PERSONAL WRITE-UPS

COACH THOMPSON At the beginning of the season, "The Coach" had little of the material which goes to make a successful basketball team. There were few experienced players and little time for practice. His even disposition, perseverance and knowledge of the "Hoop Game" were responsible for the team's many victories. He turned out able and efficient men—a basketball team that was indeed a credit to the Blue and White. May your future be as successful as your past, Coach Thompson.

McGRADY—'45— A splendid player of ability, fine shot and capable floorman. A Junior who should have another big year at S. H. S.

OLIVEIRA—'45— A very aggressive man, offensively and defensively. A deadly shot from any angle on the court. 'Witchy' was a great team and play maker. Although a Junior, the Army Air Corps wants him and needs this type of fellow. This is our loss and the Army's gain.

JENKINSON—'44— Jenky is a natural athlete who does a fine job from the start to the end of the game. A fellow who could play on any team—one of our key men.

BURDICK—'44— Russ, an excellent guard, is a fine boy as well as a fine basketball player, quick to learn and aggressive. He is always found in the thick of play.

WORTON—'44— With Burdick, the combination was hard to beat for guards. Jackie is a good shot anywhere. He will probably be known in later years as well as now, as one of an outstanding unit; an intelligent and aggressive player.

ARMSTRONG—'44— A good deceptive floorman. This was Tubs first year at basketball and a little more experience would make him an outstanding player.

CHACE—'45— Chasey, a Junior who is very aggressive, a strong and capable player. Ray should do well next year. He came along fast.

C. KASHAR—'44— Carl got a late start but showed good basketball ability at any position on the court, forward as well as guard.

WILLIAMSON—'44— Teddy was a very fast floorman, a good scrappy type of player. We will miss this Senior next year.

A. KASHAR—'47— The lone freshman on the varsity is gaining experience and should show ability next year.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1943 - 1944

Jan 6	Somerset	51	Y. M. C. A. Bruins	30
Jan. 14	Somerset	24	Westport	23
Jan. 18	Somerset	24	Dartmouth	35
Jan. 21	Somerset	53	Bristol Aggie School	25
Jan. 28	Somerset	34	Dighton	24
Feb. 1	Somerset	24	Y. M. C. A. Bruins	15
Feb. 4	Somerset	46	Diman Vocational	9
Feb. 10	Somerset	31	Bristol Aggie School	17
Feb. 15	Somerset	26	Dartmouth	36
Feb. 18	Somerset	27	St. Andrews	56
Feb. 25	Somerset	23	Diman Vocational	14
Mar. 7	Somerset	43	Westport	20
Mar. 9	Somerset	19	Dighton	29

REMEMBER WHEN

We attended our Freshman Reception, considered the upper-classmen ultra-sophisticated, stepped on each others feet, and had the grandest time of our lives.

Everyone in the class claimed to be a member of the Decoration Committee on the day of a dance—especially if there was an exam scheduled.

Study Conference room was overcrowded one afternoon with Sophomore Girls (that was us) who had preferred the Locker Room to a biology class.

A test in Latin 11 was a signal for all the Sophs to bring in candy, cake, etc. for a "surprise party.

Dale Rothwell burnt the dollar bill in chemistry.

Adeline King changed her name to Anne.

Chic Frost was considered shy!!!

We spent an entire class meeting debating upon what the well-dressed senior boy would wear to a class banquet.

THE CLOCKS WOULD STOP IF

Our Doris came to school three consecutive days.

Gordon Hargreaves were not discussing finances.

Russ Burdick lost his temper.

Jenk were not able to astound classmates with an incredible version of his latest escapade.

Al Oliver agreed with Miss Harrington in Sociology.

Polly Parrott should be seen on the dance floor.

Kashar came to English IV prepared.

John Worton flunked a test.

Margaret Kenney decided not to be a nurse.

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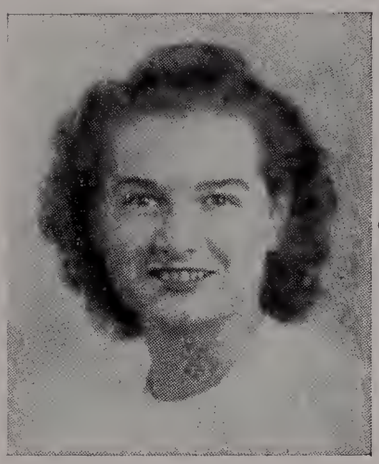

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